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## Four Students Have Family Stories Published

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O'Neal Grannie Annie Winners seventh-grader Molly Kuzma (left), and eighth-graders Sarah Elmore, Niasha Kodzai and Bray Woodard



Four students at The O'Neal School in Southern Pines have had their historical family stories selected for publication in "Grannie Annie, Vol. 11," to be released in May by The Grannie Annie Family Story Celebration. The stories will be published in an eBook, in a PDF book, and on The Grannie Annie's website.

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in St. Louis, The Grannie Annie invites students in U.S. grades 4 through 8, and homeschooled and international students of comparable ages, to write about something interesting they discover from their family's history based on their interviews with older relatives.

Authors from The O'Neal School whose stories will be published in "Grannie Annie, Vol. 11," are eighth-graders Sarah Elmore, "The Day America Fell Silent"; Niasha Kodzai, "Look! I Found a Bee!"; Bray Woodard, "Eyes Straight Ahead"; and seventh-grader Molly Kuzma, "The World's Most Expensive Toaster."

The 36 stories in this volume represent the 555 submissions received this year from young authors across the country. The published stories took place in 12 countries on four continents over a span of 140 years.

“As the number of students taking part in The Grannie Annie continues to grow, it becomes increasingly clear how richly rewarding the experience is — for the young people, their families, their teachers, and their communities,” says Connie McIntyre, executive director of The Grannie Annie.

All students who submitted stories or illustrations for “Grannie Annie, Vol. 11,” will be honored at The Grannie Annie’s Family Stories Festival at the Missouri History Museum in St. Louis on June 5.

Also to be honored at that Festival are authors and illustrators of stories included in “Echoes from World War II: Young Writers Sharing Family Stories.” The Grannie Annie published “Echoes,” its first themed collection, in celebration of its 10th anniversary. The stories in “Echoes” were previously published in annual Grannie Annie volumes and present varied aspects of the war from 20 countries around the world.

Complete details about The Grannie Annie, and all of the published stories, can be found at [www.thegrannieannie.org](http://www.thegrannieannie.org). Stories to be considered for publication in “Grannie Annie, Vol. 12,” must be submitted by Feb. 1, 2017.